

Wildflowers at Borderland

Wildflowers are many and varied at Borderland State Park, thanks to the great variety of habitat: wooded upland, wet lowland, open fields, ponds, streams and marshes.

Many of the “weeds” we would pull out of a flower garden are attractive in their own right, and all are interesting.

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--Christine King, Park Interpreter, Borderland State Park

Chicory



This charming blue flower closes up about midday. You'll find it in the overflow parking lot near the main entrance. (Photo courtesy Roger Denome, Stonehill College)

Sweet Goldenrod



Also called Anise Goldenrod for its scent. Look for this striking wildflower on the margins of the road and the parking lot. (Photo courtesy Brandeis University)

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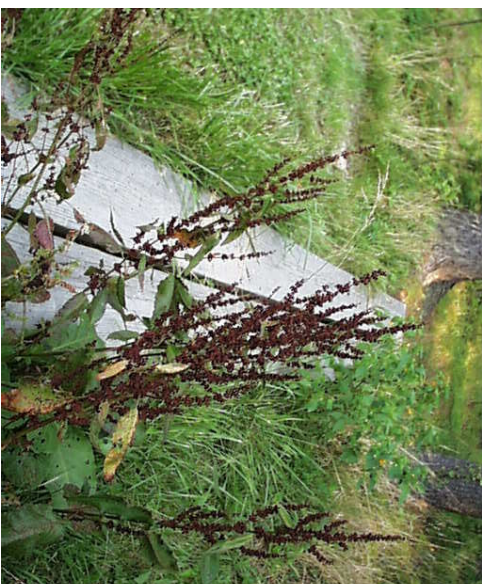


Pokeweed



Pretty white flowers, green button fruits ripening to a luscious deep purple – but beware! These berries are poisonous. (Photo courtesy UMass Boston.)

Curled Dock



Striking brown seed clusters on a tall stalk. This familiar plant grows near the Visitor Center and the Maintenance Shed.

Bittersweet Nightshade



A member of the tomato and potato family, this plant is often called “Deadly Nightshade”. The pretty red berries are somewhat poisonous. (Photo courtesy UMass Boston)

Purple Loosestrife



So pretty, but this invasive alien weed crowds out the native cattail. Found in most of our ponds.

Pickernelweed



Named for the pickarel fish because they thrive in the same habitat. Lower Leach Pond has a lot of pickernelweed near the edges.

Buttonbush



Round spiky flowers followed by round spiky fruits. Find this at the edge of Lily Bay and Pud's Pond.